Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A system for supporting provision of rating related service, comprising:

a unit that generates estimated financial data after a financial state changing measure applicable to a particular company is performed;

an estimated rating point value calculation unit that ~~means for calculating~~ calculates an estimated rating point value corresponding to ~~a~~ said financial state changing measure ~~applicable to a particular company~~ by using said estimated financial data after said financial state changing measure ~~applicable to said particular company~~ is performed and a predetermined rating point value ~~formula~~ equation for calculating a rating point value from predetermined financial data;

a numeral data calculation unit that ~~means for calculating~~ calculates numeral data that corresponds to said estimated rating point value and is associated with credit risk of said particular company by using said estimated financial data after said financial state changing measure is performed; and

an output unit that ~~means for outputting~~ outputs information concerning said estimated rating point value calculated and the calculated numeral data to indicate an effect of said financial state changing measure.

2. (Currently Amended) The system set forth in claim 1, further comprising~~,~~:

a unit that ~~means for~~ stochastically ~~estimating~~ estimates a rating from said estimated rating point value, and

wherein said information concerning said estimated rating point value calculated is the stochastically estimated rating.

3. (Currently Amended) The system set forth in claim 1, further ~~comprising,~~comprising:

a unit that ~~means for calculating~~ calculates a rating point value corresponding to a present financial state of said particular company by using financial data that represents said present financial state of said particular company and said predetermined rating point value formula, and

wherein said ~~means for outputting~~ output unit outputs information representing an improvement ~~said rating point value corresponding to said present financial state of said particular company or an improved point value~~ of said estimated rating point value from said rating point value corresponding to said present financial state.

4. (Currently Amended) The system set forth in claim 1, further ~~comprising,~~comprising:

a unit that ~~means for computing~~ computes an estimated rating corresponding to said estimated rating point value and information concerning probability of said estimated rating, and

wherein said ~~means for outputting~~ output unit outputs said estimated rating corresponding to said estimated rating point value and said information concerning said probability of said estimated rating.

5. (Currently Amended) The system set forth in claim 1, further ~~comprising,~~comprising:

~~means for calculating~~ a unit that calculates numeral data associated with present credit risk of said particular company by using financial data that represents a present financial state of said particular company, and

wherein said ~~means for outputting~~ output unit outputs information representing an improvement ~~said numeral data associated with said present credit risk of said particular company or an improved degree~~ of said numeral data that corresponds to said estimated rating point value and is associated with said credit risk from said numeral data associated with said present credit risk.

6. (Currently Amended) The system set forth in claim 1, wherein said ~~means for calculating said numeral data associated with said estimated credit risk~~ numeral data calculation unit calculates bankruptcy probability of said particular company by using said estimated financial data after said financial state changing measure is performed and a predetermined bankruptcy probability formula.

7. (Currently Amended) The system set forth in claim 6, wherein said ~~means for calculating said numeral data associated with said estimated credit risk~~ numeral data calculation unit calculates numeral data concerning costs of one or a plurality of financial services applicable to said particular company, said numeral data concerning costs corresponding to said data concerning said bankruptcy probability of said particular company.

8. (Currently Amended) The system set forth in claim 1, wherein said estimated rating point value calculation unit ~~means for calculating said estimated rating point value~~ calculates estimated rating point values respectively corresponding to a plurality of financial state changing measures applicable to said particular company by using a plurality of

estimated financial data after said plurality of financial state changing measures applicable to said particular company are performed and said predetermined rating point value formula, and wherein said ~~means for calculating said numeral data associated with said estimated credit risk~~ numeral data calculation unit calculates numeral data that is associated with said estimated credit risk of said particular company and corresponds to a selected estimated rating point value of said plurality of said estimated rating point values calculated by said ~~means for calculating said estimated rating point value~~ estimated rating point value calculation unit.

9. (Currently Amended) A method for supporting provision of rating related service, said method ~~comprising the steps of:~~comprising:

generating estimated financial data after a financial state changing measure applicable to a particular company is performed;

calculating an estimated rating point value corresponding to ~~a~~ said financial state changing measure ~~applicable to a particular company~~ by using said estimated financial data after said financial state changing measure ~~applicable to said particular company~~ is performed and a predetermined rating point value ~~formula~~ equation for calculating a rating point value from predetermined financial data;

calculating numeral data that corresponds to said estimated rating point value and is associated with credit risk of said particular company by using said estimated financial data after said financial state changing measure is performed; and

outputting information concerning said estimated rating point value calculated and the calculated numeral ~~data.~~ to indicate an effect of said financial state changing measure.

10. (Currently Amended) The method set forth in claim 9, further ~~comprising a step of:~~comprising:

stochastically estimating a rating from said estimated rating point value, and

wherein said information concerning said estimated rating point value calculated is the stochastically estimated rating.

11. (Currently Amended) The method set forth in claim 9, further ~~comprising a step of:~~comprising:

calculating a rating point value corresponding to a present financial state of said particular company by using financial data that represents said present financial state of said particular company and said predetermined rating point value formula, and

wherein said outputting ~~step includes a step of~~ comprises outputting an improvement ~~said rating point value corresponding to said present financial state of said particular company or an improved point value~~ of said estimated rating point value from said rating point value corresponding to said present financial state.

12. (Currently Amended) The method set forth in claim 9, further ~~comprising a step of:~~comprising:

computing an estimated rating corresponding to said estimated rating point value and information concerning probability of said estimated rating, and

wherein said outputting ~~step includes a step of~~ comprises outputting said estimated rating corresponding to said estimated rating point value and said information concerning said probability of said estimated rating.

13. (Currently Amended) The method set forth in claim 9, further ~~comprising a step of:~~comprising:

calculating numeral data associated with present credit risk of said particular company by using financial data that represents a present financial state of said particular company, and

wherein said outputting~~ step includes a step of~~ comprises outputting an improvement~~ said numeral data associated with said present credit risk of said particular company or an improved degree~~ of said numeral data that corresponds to said estimated rating point value and is associated with said credit risk from said numeral data associated with said present credit risk.

14. (Currently Amended) The method set forth in claim 9, wherein said~~ step of~~ calculating said numeral data associated with said estimated credit risk~~ includes a step of~~ comprises calculating bankruptcy probability of said particular company by using said estimated financial data after said financial state changing measure is performed and a predetermined bankruptcy probability formula.

15. (Currently Amended) The method set forth in claim 14, wherein said~~ step of~~ calculating said numeral data associated with said estimated credit risk comprises ~~calculates~~ calculating numeral data concerning costs of one or a plurality of financial services applicable to said particular company, said numeral data concerning costs corresponding to said data concerning said bankruptcy probability of said particular company.

16. (Currently Amended) A storage medium for storing a program for causing a computer to support provision of rating related service, said program ~~comprising the steps of:~~comprising:

generating estimated financial data after a financial state changing measure applicable to a particular company is performed;

calculating an estimated rating point value corresponding to ~~a~~ said financial state changing measure ~~applicable to a particular company~~ by using said estimated financial data after said financial state changing measure applicable to said particular company is performed and a predetermined rating point value ~~formula;~~ equation for calculating a rating point value from predetermined financial data;

calculating numeral data that corresponds to said estimated rating point value and is associated with credit risk of said particular company by using said estimated financial data after said financial state changing measure is performed; and

outputting information concerning said estimated rating point value calculated and the calculated numeral data to indicate an effect of said financial state changing measure.

17. (Currently Amended) The storage medium set forth in claim 16, said program further ~~comprising a step of:~~comprising:

stochastically estimating a rating from said estimated rating point value, and

wherein said information concerning said estimated rating point value calculated is the stochastically estimated rating.

18. (Currently Amended) The storage medium set forth in claim 16, said program further ~~comprising a step of:~~comprising:

computing an estimated rating corresponding to said estimated rating point value and information concerning probability of said estimated rating, and

wherein said outputting~~ step includes a step of~~ comprises outputting said estimated rating corresponding to said estimated rating point value and said information concerning said probability of said estimated rating.

19. (Currently Amended) The storage medium set forth in claim 16, wherein said ~~step of~~ calculating said numeral data associated with said estimated credit risk~~ includes a step of~~ comprises calculating bankruptcy probability of said particular company by using said estimated financial data after said financial state changing measure is performed and a predetermined bankruptcy probability formula.

20. (Currently Amended) The storage medium set forth in claim 19, wherein said ~~step of~~ calculating said numeral data associated with said estimated credit risk~~ includes a step of~~ comprises calculating numeral data concerning costs of one or a plurality of financial services applicable to said particular company, said numeral data concerning costs corresponding to said data concerning said bankruptcy probability of said particular company.